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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final ammendment filed 2 August 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 10-13, 15-21 and 23-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4,6,10-13,15-21 and 23-29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The concept of cache interleaving is well known in the art, however prior art systems interleave on the byte level or larger, none of the prior art of record discloses subdivision on the bit level. Additionally applicant's claimed invention interleave the directory entry, a directory entry provides information about a line within a cache. Since the one directory entry refers to one cache line (information contained within entry typically applies to all bytes within a cache line), and the concept of cache interleaving as commonly used in the art does not sub-divide directory entries below the single entry (since information contained within all pertains to the same cache line), existing art of record cannot be used to reject applicant's claimed invention.

Emmot, US Patent 5,860,078, represents the closest available art of record.

In regards to claims 1, 18, 27 and 29, Emmot does not disclose the plurality of parts comprising a first sub directory having even bits of each entry in the cache directory and a second sub directory having odd bits of each entry in the cache directory in combination of the other specified claim limitations.

Claims 2-4,6,19-21,23 and 28 are allowable as dependent upon allowed claims 1, 18, 27 and 29.

In regards to claim 15, Emmot does not disclose each part is associated with a memory bank of the multiprocessor in combination of the other claim limitations.

In regards to claim 16, Emmot does not disclose a sub-request of the plurality of sub-requests comprises the even bits of the request in combination of the other claim limitations.

In regards to claim 17, Emmot does not disclose a sub-request of the plurality of sub-requests comprises the odd bits of the request in combination of the other claim limitations.

The reasons for allowance for all remaining outstanding claims were provided in prior office actions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

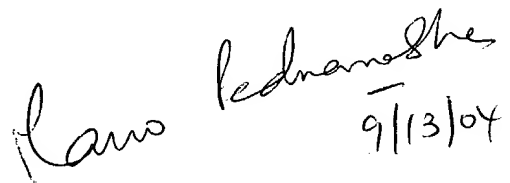
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A Baker whose telephone number is (703)305-3304. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mano Padmanabhan can be reached on (703)306-2903. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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